

The Daily Standard.

Saturday, September 20th, 1873.

The Government Land Policy Again.

It is not because we fear that anything the Government may choose to say about the land policy of the Government will prejudice the Ministry in the estimation of the people, that we again advert to this subject, for we are quite aware that an intelligent public have long since ceased to look for anything in the shape of fair or just criticism in that quarter in respect of any act done, or proposed to be done, by the present Administration. To use the language of our contemporary, "as well might men expect to gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles," as to expect the Government to criticise the acts of the Government fairly and impartially. But let there should be any misapprehension in the public mind as to the policy of the Government in relation to the public lands, we deem it our duty to lay the matter before our readers in the clearest possible light, with a view to removing misapprehension, should any exist, and also to demonstrate to the satisfaction of every reasonable individual who may take the trouble to investigate the matter, that the land policy of the present Government is not only more liberal than any that has preceded it in British Columbia, but that it will challenge comparison with any Province in the Dominion of any State in the American Union. There are at least five distinct methods by which the public lands of the Province may be acquired, and all on the most broad and liberal terms. 1. By free grant. 2. By pre-emption. 3. By public competition at an upset price of one dollar per acre for surveyed lands. 4. By private purchase from Government, of such lands as may remain unsold after having been offered at public competition, at one dollar per acre. 5. Unserved lands can be bought at \$2.50 per acre, the minerals thereon, including coal, being reserved to the Crown. Under the free grant system the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appropriate any public lands considered suitable for settlement and cultivation, not being mineral lands, as free grants to actual settlers, both male and female, not exceeding 240 acres to each settler, under such regulations as shall from time to time be made by Order in Council. In pursuance of this provision of the Land Amendment Act, 1873, the Government have made an Order in Council giving effect thereto, by which bona fide settlers may obtain free grants of 160 acres each on the East Coast of Vancouver Island, between Chatham point and Fort Rupert, and 240 acres in that part of the Province east of the Cascade Range of mountains; besides which the Government intend setting aside two townships in the New Westminster District, for free locations of 160 acres each, so soon as the necessary surveys are completed. The rules and regulations under which free grants of unserved lands can be obtained are published in full elsewhere in these columns, to which we direct the reader's attention. Under the law of pre-emption any male person being a British subject, of the age of eighteen years or over, may acquire the right to pre-empt any tract of unoccupied, unserved, or unserved Crown Lands, not being an Indian settlement, not exceeding 320 acres in extent in that portion of the Province situate to the northward and eastward of the Cascade or coast range of mountains, and 160 acres in extent in the rest of the Province, subject to the performance of settlement duties to the extent of \$2.50 per acre, and continuous occupation by the pre-emptor or his agent for a period of four years from the date of pre-emption. These conditions having been fulfilled and the land surveyed, the pre-emptor can obtain his Crown deed of the land at a price not exceeding one dollar per acre. The "Land Ordinance, 1870," provides that all land in British Columbia shall be exposed in lots for sale by public competition, at the upset price of one dollar per acre, after the same shall have been surveyed and made ready for sale. It is required that due notice shall be given of all such sales, and what the upset price and terms of payment shall be. All this the Government have attended to, and we feel perfectly assured that the sale of public lands to take place on the 30th instant will draw towards calling attention to the agricultural resources of this Province and inducing settlement in the country than anything that has yet been attempted in this direction. The disposal of such lands by the Government at private sale as have been offered at public competition, at the upset price of one dollar per acre, but found no takers, is a course that surely no one can take exception to; for, if at a public sale no one could be found to go beyond one dollar per acre for such land, it is safe to conclude that it is not worth more, and that the who takes it at that price pays full value for it. The official notice recently published, to the effect that by an Order in Council, dated the 5th of September, 1873, it was determined that the price of unserved and unoccupied lands in British Columbia should be \$2.50 per acre, and that the right to all the precious and better metals and minerals were reserved to the Crown, seems to have caused some misapprehension in the public mind, and which the Government has made a very feeble attempt to turn against the Government. The primary object the Government have in view in this matter is to discourage reckless speculation in public lands, or in other words, the locking up of large tracts of the public domain and best of the lands in the hands of those who would acquire them for purely speculative purposes. Such persons cannot obtain public lands at a less price than \$2.50 per acre, and even at that price they will not acquire a right to the minerals they may contain. Not so, however, with the bona fide settler; whether he be a pre-emptor, a free-grantee, or a purchaser, the reservation with regard to minerals will have no application to him, with the exception of the precious metals, which, of course, in all cases are reserved for the use of the Crown. It will therefore be seen from the statements above made, and we challenge any one to disprove their correctness, that so far as bona fide settlers are concerned no change has been made in respect of the terms upon which they may acquire lands for actual use and occupation, and our neighbor to the contrary notwithstanding, there is no other country on the continent of America where land can be obtained of a better quality or upon easier terms than our Government offers to those who choose to come and take them.

New Advertisements.

Notice

THE BANK CHARLOTTE Clarke from London. Neither the Captain nor the undersigned will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of the above vessel. SPENCER & CO. Wharf Street.

FOR SALE.

10 QUARTER CASES

Hennessy Brandy. Vintage of 1855.

A VERY CHOICE ARTICLE. C. STROUSS & CO. Wharf Street.

Fire Department Election

Notice.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS of the Fireman's Protection Act, 1861, Notice is hereby given, that an Election for Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineer of the Victoria Fire Department will take place on MONDAY the 23rd October next, at the Tiger Engine House No. 2, on Johnson Street.

Polls will open at 10 A. M. and close at 4 P. M.

N. GRACINI, President Victoria F. D.

Victoria, Sept. 18th, 1873.

J. P. DAVIES & CO

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS

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WE CALL PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO OUR facilities of Our Cattle Sale Yard Centrally located on Port Street. The commodious saleroom can be found for every class of Stock that may be offered for sale. This Establishment is unsurpassed on the Pacific Coast.

R. B. Parties desirous of selling their Stock, Stock in Trade or Furniture, and not wishing the trouble of an Auction Sale can find a Cash Buyer applying as above 17

Peremptory Land Sale.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

Have been instructed to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON

Monday, Sept. 29th, 1873

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

At Salesroom, Wharf St.,

Under the Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Dated 18th September, 1873.

In the Estate of James Hume, Deceased.

FIRST.

Pre-emption claim No. 168, for which a certificate of improvements has been granted, containing 160 Acres, together with all improvements thereon. This land lies in the rear of T. E. Lander's Farm, and will be sold subject to the payment of the amount due to the Government.

SECOND.

All the right, title and interest of James Hume, in a piece of land immediately adjoining the above named, being 49 Chains long by 16 1/2 Chains wide, containing about 80 acres, one half of the purchase money due to the Government has been paid on this land.

Conveyances will be at the purchasers expense; all taxes, if any, now due will have to be paid by the purchasers.

For particulars apply to Messrs.

DRAKE & JACKSON, Bastion Street, Victoria.

J. P. DAVIES & CO., Auctioneers

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HAVE BEEN APPOINTED THE Agents of Hall's Celebrated Safe and Lock Company, and are prepared to take orders for every description of Safe.

HALL'S SAFE & LOCK CO. For Wm. D. WILSHIRE.

Lost.

A THREE YEAR OLD HEIFER Light red color, marked V. A. on right hip, white blaze on forehead, strayed from Mr. Pierre's premises on Pioneer street between Queens and Blenheim. A suitable reward will be paid for recovery of same.

Strayed.

FROM THE PREMISES of Mrs. Emily Steward, corner of Pioneer and Blenheim streets, a light colored cow and calf, cow branded on left hip "M" and "S" on right side. A suitable reward will be paid to the finder upon return of same to above address.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION is postponed until Thursday, the 2nd October. By Order. THOS. RUSSELL, Secretary.

FOR SYDNEY DIRECT.

THE FIRST CLASS CLIPPER Built British ship

"ENGLAND" 800 Tons Register.

G. H. HARRINGTON, Commander.

Will leave Port Townsend, W. T., on or about the 10th of October and has good accommodation for first and second class passengers.

For particulars apply to WELCH RITHET & CO., Wharf Street.

New Advertisements.

PLUMMER & PAGDEN,

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS,

ACCOUNTANTS

AND

COMMISSION AGENTS

Wharf Street, Victoria.

REG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE taken the large building on Wharf Street, opposite the foot Vase Street. From their long experience in the above branches of business, and by prescription and attention, they hope to receive a share of the public support. Stock, Stock in Trade or Furniture purchased or Cash.

Liberal Advances made on Consignments.

Books kept or Audited, Balance Sheets made out, Statements Prepared and a general Accountants Business confidentially transacted.

AUCTION

SALE OF

Superior Agricultural

IMPLEMENTS & TOOLS.

PLUMMER & PAGDEN

Are instructed by Messrs

W. Dalby & Co.

TO SELL ON

Thursday, Oct. 2nd, 1873

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.

At the lot adjoining the Exhibition Ground,

A quantity of Canadian Agricultural Implements, Tools, &c., comprising,

Woods' Reaping Machine, Ploughs,

Cultivators, Gang Ploughs, Fanning Mills, Forks, Rakes,

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS

Sums under \$50 cash; over \$50 and under \$150, 30 days; over \$150, 60 days approved endorsed notes.

PLUMMER & PAGDEN, Auctioneers.

PRIVATE BILLS.

PARTIES intending to make application to Parliament for Private Bills, either for granting exclusive privileges, or conferring corporate powers for commercial or other purposes of profit, or for doing anything tending to affect the rights or property of other parties, are hereby notified that they are required by the Rules of the two Houses of Parliament, (which are published in full in the Canada Gazette), to give TWO MONTHS' NOTICE of the application (clearly and distinctly specifying its nature and object), in the Canada Gazette, and also in a newspaper published in the County or Union of Counties affected, sending copies of the Papers containing the first and last of such notices to the Private Bill Office of each House.

All Petitions for Private Bills must be presented within the first three weeks of the Session.

ROBERT LEMOINE, Clerk of the Senate.

ALFRED PATRICK, Clerk of the House of Commons.

HENRY GERKE

DEALER IN

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

BLUE POST,

CORNER OF

Douglas & Johnson Streets.

AUCTION

SALE OF STOCK.

T. B. HUMPHREYS

Has received instructions to sell by Auction on

Friday, October 3rd, 1873.

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.

On the premises of Mr. THOS. HARRIS, adjoining the Lion Brewery, Cedar Hill Road, one mile from Town

100 Head of well bred HEIFERS.

From Imported English Stock, by the most celebrated Stock-breeders of Oregon and Washington Territory.

ALSO—A Few

WELL BRED COWS IN CALF.

TERMS OF SALE—For all sums over \$200 approved endorsed paper at 30 days accepted. A Lunch will be provided at 11 o'clock.

T. BASIL HUMPHREYS, Auctioneer.

New Advertisements.

FROM LONDON

Just Arrived and now Landing Ex Charlotte Clarke.

114 pkgs Dry Goods, Clothing, &c.

228 pkgs Groceries.

13 Casks Wines.

161 pkgs Brandy.

These goods have been carefully selected by our buyer in London, and are specially adapted for the Fall and Winter Wholesale Trade.

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Fawcett's Double Crown, and Genuine Amontillado Sherry in Case, a very superior article.

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Turner, Beeton & Tunstall,

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HAS JUST RECEIVED PER STEAMER or Prince Alfred from LONDON:

A Fine Assortment of

DOUBLE & SINGLE BAR'LED GUNS

ALSO

Central Fire Breech Loading Guns.

GOVERNMENT STREET near Pandora St.

For Sale

A THOROUGH BRED SHORT HORN

Durham Bull, three years old, guaranteed gentle in every respect. Took the prize at the Exhibition last season. Can be seen at any time at Albert Hunt, Hetchin, or at Exhibition Day at Victoria.

WILLIAM HUNT.

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AND

Manufacturer of

Furniture, Bedding, Mirrors

AND

UPHOLSTERY GOODS.

Window Blinds, Corbels and Cornices, Carpets laid and dyed, Pains, Hair and Spring Mattresses always on hand and made to order by a competent Upholsterer.

Bird Cages, Gill, Rosewood and Walnut Mouldings &c., For Sale at the Lowest Cash Prices.

ALSO

60,000 FEET OF FIRST QUAL REDWOOD

Lumber all sized from 1/2 inch to 12 inches in thickness at \$40 per M. at Schooner Point direct from Trinidad Hill, California.

J. SEHL,

Cor. Government & Broughton Sts.

Driard House

Hotel & Restaurant.

MR. H. Y. CAZABAN returns his thanks to the many guests and public for past favors and support, and in the renewed of many friends and patrons has opened a

First Class Restaurant

at the above Hotel. Made will be provided at all hours and the table supplied with the best Market Affords. The best supplied with the best Market Affords. A fine Billiard table for the use of the guests is connected with the Restaurant.

Refreshment hall has been engaged by the proprietor to play in the evening of the Hotel every Monday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Wedding, Breakfasts, Balls, Supper, and Private Parties served at short notice.

H. CAZABAN.

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FROM HONOLULU.

A LARGE LOT OF SANDWICH ISLAND

SUGARS

Various Grades.

MOLASSES, RICE, &c.

For Sale by

Janion, Rhodes & Co.

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A YOUNG MAN WHO HAS BEEN bred to commercial pursuits in Europe, wants a situation as clerk or Warehouseman in a store, retail or otherwise.

Apply at this office.

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SUGAR—Various Grades.

RICE—In Bags.

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MONEY TO LOAN

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PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

WILL BE HELD AT

Buckley's Hall

And Adjoining Premises,

YATES STREET,

VICTORIA.

Thursday, Oct. 2d, 1873.

PARTIES INTENDING TO EXHIBIT are referred to the Pamphlet issued by the Society for information.

Admission for non-Members 50 cts.

A DRAWING will be given at Auditor's Hall at 8 P. M. Tickets \$1.00 each, can be obtained from the officers of the Society or from the Manager Committee. Committee—Messrs. R. Russell, Plummer and Tunstall, and THOS. RUSSELL, Secretary.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION'S OFFICE, 12th September, 1873.

THE Lieutenant-Governor directs the insertion of the following Paragraphs and enclosure from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, which have been transmitted to His Majesty's publication in this Province.

Downing Street, 8th July, 1873.

Sir, I have the honor to transmit to you for publication in the usual and most authentic manner in the Colony under your Government, a copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council of the 26th June, regarding parties applicant in cases pending before Her Majesty

